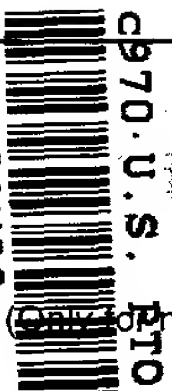


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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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1. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 27]
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35USC 113) [Total Pages 4]
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages 2]

a. ☐ Newly executed(original of copy)

b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))  
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i. ☐ [Note Box 4 Below]

DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting  
Inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

4. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a  
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,  
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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12. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) German  
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13. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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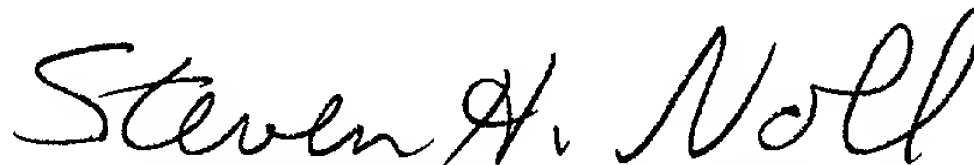
Re: Proposed Patent Application for GERRIT BLEUMER entitled  
"FRANKING METHOD AND APPARATUS" Attorney Docket No. P00,1748

S I R:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 21 claims, 4 sheets of informal drawings and filing fee on behalf of GERRIT BLEUMER and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

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